

## Westin Resort, Aruba Names Richard Roy GM

The Westin Resort, Aruba is pleased to announce the promotion of Richard Roy to general manager. Roy, a seasoned hospitality executive with a background spanning over 25 years, served as hotel manager for the resort since 2007, and as acting general manager for the past nine months. Now, in his new official role, Roy will oversee daily operations, from sales and marketing performance to guest services and more.

“Richard played an integral role in transitioning the resort to the Westin flag as hotel manager,” said Graeme Davis, Vice President Operations, Southern and Caribbean region.

“He has made tremendous contributions to the recent renovations and new programs that have elevated the resort’s experience over the past two years, and we look forward to his continued successes as our new GM.”

Before joining the 481-room Westin Resort, Aruba, Roy served as hotel manager at The Westin La Cantera Resort in San Antonio, Texas, and director of operations at The Westin Buckhead Atlanta. Roy began his nearly 10-year career with Starwood Hotels & Resorts as director of operations and director of food and beverage at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Also in Nashville, Roy held positions with Ruth’s Chris Steak House, and spent over fifteen years

with Gaylord Entertainment.

Roy, a member of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA), is a Certified Food and Beverage Executive (CFBE) and a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America.

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## Aruba Airport Authority N.V. Runner-Up and Highly Commended for its Marketing Approach Towards Airlines

*After Third Nomination Presented by the OAG (Official Airline Guide) in Beijing*



ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) has received confirmation on the 14th of September, that after earlier receiving its third nomination by OAG, Official Airline Guide, it was awarded the prize for Runner-up for the Global Airport Marketing Award 2009 in the category ‘The Americas’. The gala awards ceremony, where the awards were handed out, took place during the Annual World Route Development Forum in Beijing, China. Representatives of AAA that attended this Forum and accepted the award were Mrs. Peggy Croes, Head Airline Marketing and Mrs. Barbara Brown, Business Unit Manager Terminal.

OAG awards airports in geographical categories, irrespective of the amount of passengers that the airport receives per year. Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix didn’t only earn the Runner-up status for the Global Airport Marketing Award, but was also Highly Commended. With that it ended second amongst all North, Central and South American airports. This result is outstanding and important for AAA for two reasons: First of all, airlines themselves nominate the airports

who made a real difference to their own network planning activity over the last 12 months. And secondly, AAA was awarded Highly Commended, being the only Central and South American airport that was nominated sharing the honours in this category competing for the award with Akron-Canton Airport in Ohio, Halifax International Airport in Canada, Seattle-Tacoma and Dallas-Forth Worth International Airport in Texas which came out as number 1. It was the second time since 2007 that AAA received the Runner-up award in its category.

Peter Steinmetz, Managing Director AAA, expressed profound words of satisfaction with this major achievement: “This appreciation perfectly mirrors AAA’s philosophy that airports and airlines work together as partners in developing traffic and the award reflects directly the positive improvements and changes at the company and solidifies Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix as a leading airport in the world of aviation. The fact that we have been nominated 3 times now over the last 4 years and received the Runner-up award twice speaks for itself on the quality and perseverance of our marketing staff and efforts. It is really outstanding for such a small airport.” Steinmetz reiterated that “We ensure that our marketing objectives are met through the delivery of service benefiting Aruba as a whole”.

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# MIKE EMAN AND THE AVP: Help is on the Way for Aruba's Economy



Oranjestad – In 1986, the AVP Government developed a "Rescue Plan" which succeeded in saving Aruba's economy following the crushing blow of the closure of the Lago oil refinery. The construction of the Hyatt Regency Aruba, among other important AVP projects, helped propel Aruba's tourism and economy on a safe and secure path.

Now, in 2009, the MEP government's tax policies and mismanagement has led to the closing of the refinery once

again. The refinery name is different this time – Valero – but the pain is very much the same for the hundreds of employees losing their jobs and for their families.

A young Mike Eman was a key member of the team that drafted the Rescue Plan in 1986. Mike knows what it is like to be in a financial crisis, and he knows what needs to be done. He understands the need to involve experts from all fields in putting together a realistic plan for safeguarding Aruba's future, and he has done that again with the development of AVP's Rescue Plan – "Aruba Ariba" -- for addressing the many problems facing Aruba today in the areas of finance, health care, infrastructure, and education, among others.

## Government Debt and Taxes: MEP's Policies Endanger Aruba's Economic Stability

To pay for its out of control spending, the MEP Government has resorted to increasing taxes. Higher taxes and rising inflation represent a disastrous

combination for Aruba's economy.

According to some critics of the Government, Arubans are beginning to think that MEP stands for "More Economic Pain." This financial chaos is reminiscent of the period of 1993 -1994, when the previous Oduber Government was floundering so badly and had dug such a deep financial hole for Aruba that the Prime Minister simply gave up, ended the government and went home; leaving the AVP to once again pick up the pieces and chart a serious and responsible course for Aruba.

But far from leaving the political playing field in disgrace after their eight long years of incompetence and mismanagement, the MEP is asking the Aruban voters to let them continue for another four years.

MEP's Orgy of Spending; Leaves No Funds to Invest in Aruba's Infrastructure  
The Oduber Government's orgy of spending has had disastrous effects for Arubans

and their everyday quality of life. Their inept fiscal policies have left virtually no funds for the capital investment that Aruba so desperately needs. The government – under the leadership of the AVP – made large investments in important infrastructure projects, such as the Savaneta Olympic Pool and the Joe Laveist Ball Park, among many others.

Yet, now the Government has rendered itself incapable of making any such investments. Indeed, the Oduber Government only sits and watches as existing infrastructure falls into complete disrepair.

## Mike Eman and the AVP Will Reduce Government Debt

An AVP Government will work to eliminate the massive government deficit and national debt which threatens the economic stability of Aruba. According to Eman, "We will increase the efficiency of our government institutions and reduce the amount of government expenditures. Unlike the Oduber government, we will bring professionalism

to the management of the Government's finances. Aruba cannot afford even one more year of the Ad Hoc style of governing of the MEP."

Mike Eman explained that "The development of Aruba requires that we begin to reinvest in our physical infrastructure and in our human capital. In recent years, the government failed to make the investment which is desperately needed to replace and upgrade key areas of our island's infrastructure. Neglecting such investment has prevented our economy from expanding."

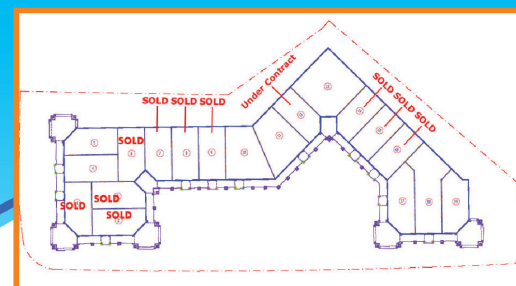
Eman shook his head as he recalled the last two elections, "The MEP promised many things in the previous campaigns, but they have accomplished nothing except to waste eight years of Aruba's opportunity to move forward and prosper as a country."

Mike Eman and the AVP will recapture those lost eight years and revitalize Aruba, bringing real change and hope for a stronger and a more secure Aruba. □

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### Loyal Visitors Of Aruba And The Aruba Marriott

## Honored Distinguished Guests & Goodwill Ambassadors at Aruba Marriott



**PALM BEACH** - At the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, Diana and Berch Bisdikian were acknowledged with the "Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba" title by the Aruba Tourism Authority. Goodwill Ambassadors are loyal Aruba visitors who have visited Aruba for 20 consecutive years or more. Diana and Berch Bisdikian from Caracas, Venezuela have been visiting Aruba for almost 50 years, which makes them practically

Aruban residents. The warmth and friendliness of the people, great weather, and the beautiful beaches are just a few of the many reasons that make them come back each time. Their next trip to Aruba is scheduled for October 2009.

Sandra Estes, Nancy and Ronald Jones from St. Louis, Maryland were acknowledged with the "Distinguished Guests of Aruba" title by the Aruba Tourism Authority. As a loyal guest of the Stellaris Casino and Marriott, they

have been visiting Aruba for ten consecutive years.

Their first visit to Aruba was in 1999 and they have been repeat guests to Aruba ever since. Their enthusiasm to visit Aruba each year is based upon their positive experiences such as the warmth and friendliness of the people and the beauty of the island. The beautiful weather and beaches and the many great restaurants are also factors that brings them back yearly.

The honoring took place



the resorts newly transformed lobby of the Aruba Marriott Resort. Present at this special occasion were: ATA representative Nathalie Maduro, Executive Secretary Verna Dijkhoff and Sales & Marketing Coordinator Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi. The honorees were presented with a commemorative plaque by Nathalie Maduro of ATA.

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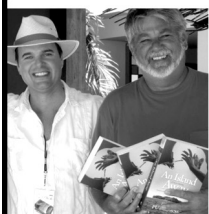
Last Saturday, artist Anita Van Der Sloot offered a glass bead workshop to interested members, who were able to create their own bejeweled baubles, working with glass rods over a burner, beginning



with just plain beads and layering them with creative decorations. Thank you Anita, for the much enjoyed workshop

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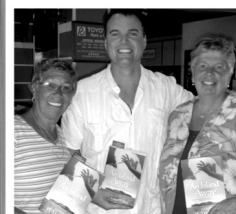
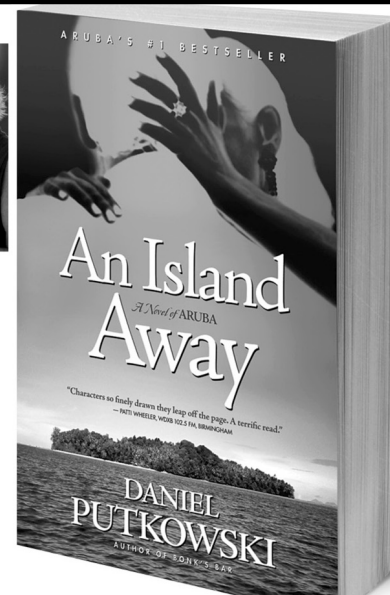
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# AirTran expands to Caribbean while cutting flights domestically



AirTran Airways is making a foray into the Caribbean even as it cuts flight schedules elsewhere amid weaker demand for travel.

It's another venture into international markets for AirTran, and a step into a burgeoning market for low-cost carriers. AirTran plans to begin flying from Atlanta to Nassau, Bahamas, and to Aruba in December; and to Montego Bay, Jamaica, in February.

Although international travel to Europe and to Asia has declined significantly as business travel suffered, leisure travel has experienced milder declines.

Orlando-based AirTran has taken some small steps into the international arena in the last several years, but had some hiccups along the way. The carrier launched its first international route in 2000 with flights from Atlanta to Freeport, Bahamas, which were discontinued in 2007. In 2008, it began flying from Atlanta to San Juan, Puerto

Rico.

AirTran also flies to Cancun, Mexico, but had a stop-and-start entry into the market. It canceled its 2005 plans to start Cancun flights after hurricanes damaged resorts there. It resumed those plans with Atlanta-Cancun flights that started in February 2009, but demand early on was weakened by concerns about crime and then swine flu.

The ability for AirTran to expand internationally was boosted by a decision about six years ago to order longer-range Boeing 737 jets.

"The aircraft gave us the ability to fly anywhere in the United States and really from Atlanta to anywhere in the Caribbean and Latin America," said Kevin Healy, AirTran's senior vice president of marketing and planning. "We've taken our time getting into the Caribbean in part because there's better opportunities domestically and in part because we want to understand the market better." Healy said AirTran has the technical capabilities for

partnerships with foreign carriers, but "it's not a real high priority."

Last year, AirTran sold aircraft and delayed future plane deliveries. It does not expect to grow its fleet until 2011. That means adding new routes often means cutting flights elsewhere. AirTran announced in August it will pull out of Newark, and may reduce flights in Florida, he said.

Airlines that have a low-cost carrier model like AirTran historically were known primarily as domestic carriers, and the Caribbean has long been dominated by legacy carriers like American Airlines and Continental Airlines. But low-cost carriers including JetBlue, Spirit and AirTran have been building a presence there.

American recently scaled back its San Juan hub, and "that created a lot of white space" for low-cost carriers, said Andrew Watterson, a partner in consulting firm Oliver Wyman's aviation practice in Dallas. "It fits with the business model of the LCCs because these are either leisure customers going on holiday or visiting friends and relatives."

Florida and New York, which are big markets for AirTran, JetBlue and Spirit customers, have large populations from the Caribbean that fly there to visit friends and family, Watterson said.



The low-cost carrier model was pioneered in the United States, but Asian and European carriers like AirAsia and Ryanair copied the model and "showed it could work for these short international journeys," Watterson said. "The international aspect has been kind of re-exported back

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Healy called the Caribbean a "natural expansion of the AirTran network," as the industry shifts and it re-evaluates its operations. "I think there's potential for additional international destinations in 2010." □



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# Team credited for helping to resolve stateless woman case

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counsel for Mrs. Fredericks, along with representatives of the Governor's Cabinet presented and discussed the case with the Court of First Instance in St. Maarten," the Lt. Governor's Cabinet explained in a statement. "Findings of those discussions have also been shared with the civil registry in Curaçao and the Netherlands Immigration and Naturalisation Service. Additionally, the Cabinet of the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles was approached to verify if Mrs. Fredericks would be eligible for a laissez-passer, allowing her to travel abroad." Requests had also been forwarded to other parties requesting relevant information in this case. These included schools in St. Maarten and authorities in Anguilla and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Discussions on the case continued in Anguilla in March with the exchange and sharing of information. "It became clear that the

person concerned was known in Anguilla under a different name and ... date of birth. It had been determined, however, that it concerned the same person. She and her children therefore have the British nationality and ... the right to request a British passport," it was explained in the statement. "Several documents played a vital role in determining Mrs. Fredericks' identity, and Anguilla had in the meantime gathered additional information and documentation regarding her person. The documents and new information were subsequently discussed and comparisons were made with information contained in the St. Maarten file. "As a result, St. Maarten and Anguilla authorities concluded that the person known in Anguilla as Sandra Elizabeth Richardson and Elisabeth Fredericks are one and the same person." However, to be registered with

the same personal information and to keep her name as "Elisabeth Fredericks" she had to undergo a deed poll in accordance with British law, after which the birth certificates of her children had to be adapted in St. Maarten to reflect the new information. The investigations were concluded on April 1. The Lt. Governor's Cabinet has credited a team for being instrumental in facilitating investigations in the case: the Registrar General, Anguilla's Judicial Department staff, Anguilla's Passport Office and the Government of Anguilla. Also lauded were the efforts of the Governor of the

Netherlands Antilles, the staff of his Cabinet and his legal team, the Bureau of Police Affairs – in particular Tjie-A-Loi, who is said to have done tremendous work to bring this case to a positive solution within the legal framework – the Prosecutor's Office, the Courthouse, the Court of Guardianship, the Immigration Department, the Windward Islands Education Department, personnel of the Census Office of St. Maarten, attorney Richard Gibson Jr., the Civil Registry in Curaçao, the Netherlands' Immigration and Naturalisation Service, and all others who cooperated in the investigation. □

## More artefacts still to be returned to St. Maarten

MADAME ESTATE--More artefacts still in the hands of National Archaeological Anthropological Museum (NAAM) have to be returned to St. Maarten based on a request from local government, according to resident Archaeologist Dr. Jay Havisier.

NAAM announced Monday that the last of five cannons and carriages that had been taken from Fort Amsterdam 14 years ago were on their way back to St. Maarten. The cannon and carriage will arrive here aboard Dutch Navy Ship Pelikaan on Thursday.

Havisier, who is attached to the Environmental Planning and Policy Department VROM and directs St. Maarten Archaeological Centre Simarc, is happy about the return and hopes the other artefacts are not far behind.

This shipment, he pointed out, was only one of four "left-over" broken cannon parts, while more important St. Maarten archaeological materials that had been identified, listed and packed for transportation, were to be shipped as soon as administrative issues were cleared, according to NAAM.

"St. Maarten is more than ready to finally receive these long-awaited historical objects," Havisier said.

The island clearly has adequate storage facilities, like St. Maarten Museum and St. Maarten Archaeological Centre Simarc, and an island archaeologist with the staff and expertise to properly manage historical materials and artefacts that are such an important part of the island's heritage.

This year, after several letters between the Executive Council and Education and Culture Minister Omayra Leeflang, it was noted that, as a part of the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, artefacts belonging to St. Maarten should be returned. The Executive Council had requested in a June 12 letter to the minister that all artefacts and their associated documentation at NAAM be returned to St. Maarten. □

## NAf 300,000 made available for projects at HAVO/VWO schools

PHILIPSBURG--St. Dominic High School in St. Maarten is among three HAVO/VWO schools in the Netherlands Antilles which will receive funds from the Central Government for science-based projects. Education Minister Omayra Leeflang announced on Tuesday that the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports had released NAf. 300,000 to schools to enable them to "invest in reforms." Other schools to receive funds are Bonaire High School SCB and Peter Stuyvesant College in Curaçao. St. Dominic High School Principal Mrs. José Verschueren-Sommers told The Daily Herald Tuesday that the school would use the money for an information literacy skills project called "Beyond Cut and Paste." She said the project had been written up and had received extensive coverage in the Curaçao press. She said 'Beyond Cut and Paste' was an innovative project connected to scientific action-based research and it was expected to strengthen students' research skills, among other things. St. Dominic High is working with University of the West Indies (UWI) Jamaica for this project. In the meantime, Leeflang said the three schools could not receive funds from the relevant resources in the Netherlands for

"foundation education." "I have truly thanked the Netherlands for the funds, but I deemed it necessary that HAVO and VWO schools in the Netherlands Antilles be eligible to receive funds in order to upgrade their schools. Therefore, I have released the extra funds for this purpose," the Minister said. Peter Stuyvesant College (PSC) in Bonaire was the first school to present its reform project entitled "PeterStuyScience" on Monday, and will receive an amount of NAf. 12,000. She said the two other schools must also present their projects. PSC will use the funds to furnish its science rooms with beamers, Internet and laptops. "In this way the lessons in the low and high classes can be taught in a more diverse manner, with more recent material and with local examples," the Minister said. "The project is currently implemented and it is a great success," PSC Biology teacher Cor Hameete was quoted as saying. Leeflang also attended the PSC presentation. She congratulated PSC on its reform project. "Investing in modern technology is a good affair. It is necessary: the schools must keep up with the times. The money ... we save on books at PSC in this way can in the future be invested in technology better," she said. □



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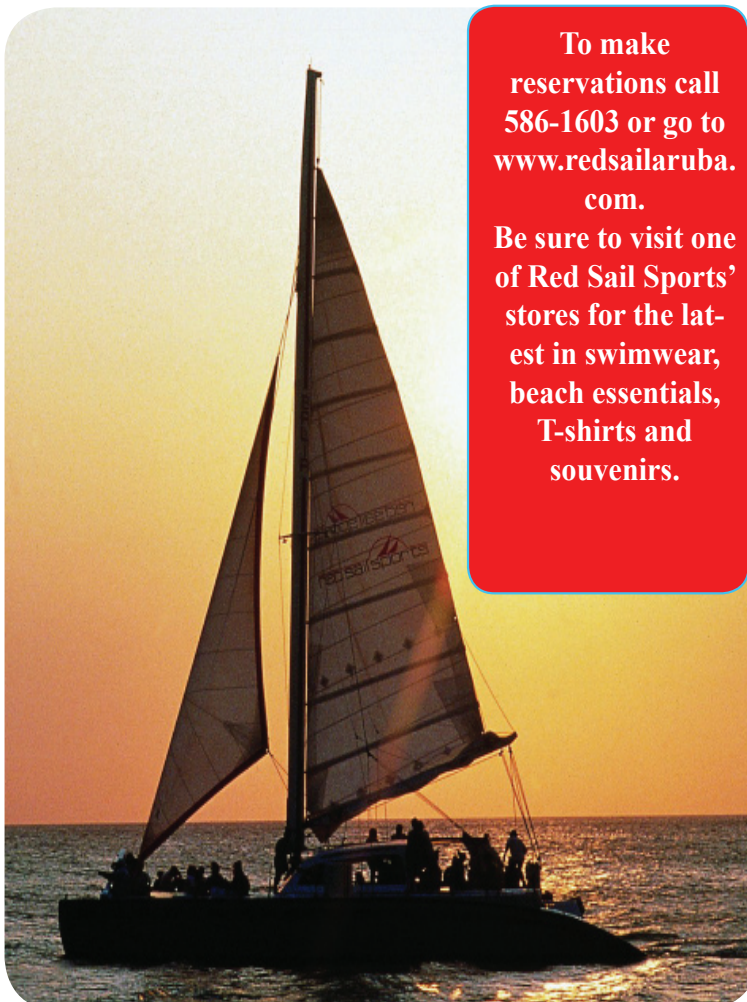
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their work sheets, at any time. The fully-air-conditioned facility offers that academic help in science, biology, mathematics, as well as English reading for grade school and high school.

The school, says director Fatima el Lazkani Baroud, gives kids who cannot study at home, a modern classroom environment. And since the educational system here is Dutch, students from different backgrounds and cultures

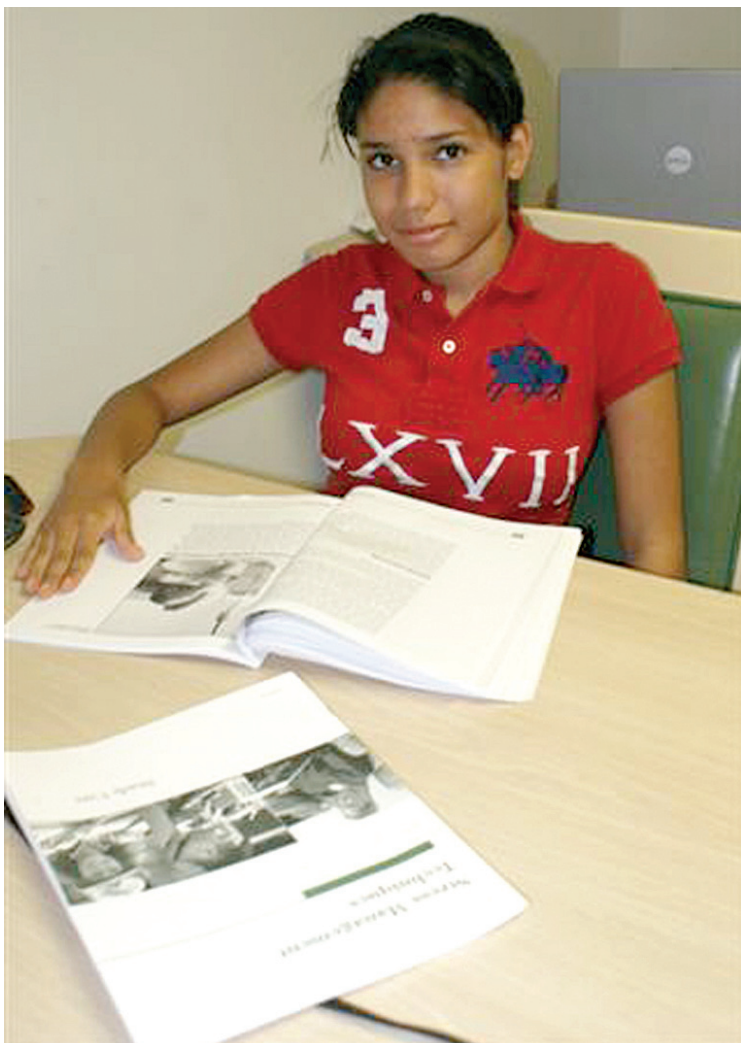
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# Friday afternoon with DJ Jeroen at Bugaloe



PALM BEACH - Rhythm-driven DJ Jeroen is getting the vibes going, the adrenaline surging and the blood pumping on Fridays, when the popular local disc jockey is playing his music in beach bar Bugaloe. From 5 to 10 pm you can see this energetic man in action and listen to his easy lounge music early in the evening. Soothe your souls at sunset, is his motto. Jeroen's music changes as darkness falls and dancing gets underway. Bugaloe, which is a great hang-out for locals as well as for visitors, has an extended menu, by the way. Choose a 'broodje frikandel' or 'broodje kroket', snacks that the Dutch crave, or a healthy grouper special or the fish platter. So don't forget to come by at Bugaloe on Fridays to hear DJ Jeroen play, and start the weekend on a high note. Happy Hour at the beach bar, located on the De Palm Pier between the Riu Palace and the Radisson Resort, is from 5 to 6 pm, with special prices for Amstel Bright and mojitos. □



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Yesterday, we discussed one method to analyze your choices based on your goals. We discussed the idea that analyzing the daily details of each choice will help illuminate the more graceful, direct path to where you want to be, and concluded that the actual decision does not matter. As long as we remain focused on a specific goal, every decision we make will lead us there.

When you are focused on a specific goal, the actual choice you make does not matter. What literally makes all the difference in the world, is your conscious intention behind the decision. What do you intend for your self and your future, by making one choice over another? What do you want this decision to bring you? How do you want it to change you? Your conscious intention defines the energy behind your decision.

Do not expect the choice to unfold the way you think it might.

Life rarely brings what we think it will, so the more we let go of our expectations, the less resistance we

will feel as the unknown unfolds. The more we cling to our view of what the future should bring, the more resistance we will encounter.

Trying to control the way life unfolds is an absolute waste of personal energy. Have specific goals and specific plans to get there, then change your plan as life unfolds.

Your attitudes determine what your life is like. As long as you know that every action, every thought, every decision brings you closer to your goals, the actual actions, thoughts and decisions hold less importance. When you don't take life so seriously, when you let go of the illusion of control, you'll have a lot more fun.

Set your intentions and let life unfold. Be flexible with your plan as opportunities arise. Re-evaluate your plan as life progresses. Re-consider your goals as you grow. We are dynamic creatures living in a dynamic world, so we must be open to change.

Set your conscious intentions and make decisions with confidence. Trust your

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wisdom, and know that the path you choose will bring you closer to your goal. Let go of the outcome and let life unfold. Be joyous every day, in the knowledge that your goal is one day closer. With this attitude, life becomes an exciting adventure. We can relax in the knowledge that our goals will be reached, while not knowing how life will unfold keeps us stimulated and challenged.

We will always grow because we continually re-evaluate our goals, plans, and the means available to

us in the moment.

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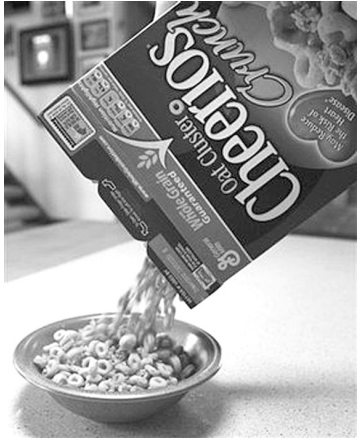
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# BUSINESS

## Aruba TODAY

### General Mills profit beats estimates, shares rise



A box of General Mills breakfast cereal is poured at a home in Golden, Colorado September 23, 2009.

REUTERS/Rick Wilking

By Brad Dorfman

CHICAGO (Reuters) — General Mills Inc (GIS.N) posted a higher-than-expected quarterly profit and raised its full-year earnings forecast, helped by strong sales of products like its breakfast cereals in the United States, sending its shares up 4.3 percent.

General Mills has counted on a steady stream of new products and cost-cutting measures, as well as higher prices, to lift profits. The maker of Cheerios cereal and Progresso soup has also benefited as consumers eat more meals at home to save money amid the recession, and as prices for commodities like wheat decline.

Morningstar analyst Erin Swanson said the company has managed to boost sales and reap costs savings consistently from quarter to quarter.

"They have the portfolio that seems prone to take advantage of the consumer trends that we are seeing right now, both health and wellness and the trend of consumers eating at home," Swanson said of a brand list that also includes Yoplait

yogurt and Cascadian Farms organic foods.

The company has been gaining market share in cereal, soup and other categories, with new products like high-fiber soups and a Yoplait frozen smoothie kit helping it stave off private-label competitors.

General Mills also has not raised prices in more than a year in 12 of its top 15 categories, CEO Kendall Powell said during an interview.

General Mills on Wednesday said profit rose to \$420.6 million, or \$1.25 a share, in the first quarter, ended August 30, from \$278.5 million, or 79 cents a share, a year earlier.

Excluding changes in the market value of commodity hedges the company holds, earnings were \$1.28 a share. Wall Street analysts had forecast \$1.03, according to Reuters Estimates.

Sales rose less than 1 percent to \$3.52 billion, compared with a 14 percent increase a year ago. The stronger dollar, which lessens the dollar value of sales outside the United States, cut 2 percentage points from sales.

U.S. retail sales rose 6 percent to \$2.42 billion, boosted by a 9 percent increase in sales of its Big G cereals, which include Cheerios, Fiber One, Trix and other brands.

The company said it now expects full-year earnings of \$4.40 to \$4.45 a share, excluding one-time items, up from a previous forecast of \$4.20 to \$4.25. Analysts on average forecast \$4.27, according to Reuters Estimates. □

### Stocks end lower despite better view from Fed

By SARA LEPRO,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks traded in a tight range Wednesday as investors took some solace from a slightly improved assessment of the economy from the Federal Reserve.

The Fed's governors said in a statement following their regular meeting on interest rates that the pace of economic activity has "picked up" since the last meeting in August. The Fed also said it would stretch out its goal of buying \$1.45 trillion in mortgage-backed securities and debt issued by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae until the end of the first quarter of 2010. Its original goal was to complete the purchases by the end of this year. The Dow Jones industrial average rose shortly after the Fed's announcement, but gave up those gains and fell by late afternoon, following its tendency to trade erratically on Fed decision days. The Dow was still near its highs for the year and only about 185 points below of the 10,000 level, which it hasn't seen since last October.

As expected, the Fed left its benchmark short-term interest rate unchanged at near zero — one of its many policy measures aimed at bolstering the economy. In its statement, the Fed said it would "continue to employ a wide range of tools" to spur a recovery while also staving off inflation.

Max Bublitz, chief strategist at SCM Advisors in San Francisco, said there was nothing in the Fed's statement to upset the upward trend in the market. "There is a trend in place, and that trend is in place until proven wrong," Bublitz said.

The Fed also said it would keep short-term interest rates at their historically low levels "for an extended period." That allayed any lingering concerns that the Fed was



Anthony Rinaldi, left, of LaBranche & Co. and James Kay of J.P. Morgan Securities trade shares in Cemex, which was raising \$1.55 billion to pay down debt, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, in New York.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams)

considering a rate increase, something it will have to do eventually in order to keep inflation in check. Higher interest rates would protect against prices creeping higher, but it would also mean greater borrowing costs for banks and businesses, a negative for both stocks and bonds.

The Dow trade mixed for much of the day, then gained as much as 88 points shortly after the Fed announcement. Those gains evaporated by late afternoon, however, leaving the Dow down 12.39 or 0.1 percent at 9,817.48 in the last hour of trading.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.50 or 0.3 percent to 1,068.16, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 3.96 or 0.2 percent to 2,142.34.

Losing stocks outnumbered winners by about 3-to-2 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 814.5 million shares, compared with 795.7 million shares traded at the same time Tuesday.

With major market indicators up more than 50 percent off their lows in early March, investors are worried that stocks have become overvalued, especially with the strength of the economy's recovery still in question. Despite their doubts, investors continue to buy up stocks

afraid of missing out on an extended rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average hasn't traded over 10,000 since last October, and market watchers believe that if it does reach that milestone it could bring in more investors who don't want to be left on the sidelines while stocks march ahead.

"Ultimately, once (the market) passes a certain point, people are forced to participate to a certain extent because they will lose money" by not being invested, said Doug Roberts, chief investment strategist at Channel Capital Research.

"That is what has driven the market right now and could conceivably drive it for some time." Oil prices dropped \$2.63 to \$69.13 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, bringing energy stocks down with it, after the government reported that crude inventories unexpectedly rose by 2.8 million barrels last week. Crude in storage is now 10.6 percent above year-ago levels, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said in its weekly report.

Analysts had expected a drop of 2.25 million barrels for the week ended Sept. 18, according to a survey by Platts, an energy information service owned by McGraw-Hill Cos. □

# HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

### Brits have had 'indirect sex' with 2.8 mln people



The average British man or woman has slept with 2.8 million people -- albeit indirectly, according to figures released to promote awareness of sexual health.

(AFP/File/Filippo Monteforte)

LONDON (AFP) – The average British man or woman has slept with 2.8 million people -- albeit indirectly, according to figures released Wednesday to promote awareness of sexual health.

A British pharmacy chain has launched an online calculator which helps you work out how many partners you have had, in the sense of exposure to risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STIs).

The “Sex Degrees of Separation” ready reckoner tots up the numbers based on your number of partners, then their previous partners, and their former lovers, and so on for six “generations” of partners.

The average British man claims to have actually slept with nine people, while women put the figure at 6.3, giving an average of 7.65.

“When we sleep with someone, we are, in effect, not only sleeping with them, but also their previous partners and their partners’ previous partners, and so on,” said Clare Kerr, head of sexual health at Lloydspharmacy.

“It’s important that people understand how exposed they are to STIs and take appropriate precautions including using condoms and getting themselves checked out where appropriate.” □

### Hand Washing 10 Times a Day May Help Keep Flu Away

Medications, personal hygiene, mask-wearing and quarantines all help prevent the spread of viral infections such as the flu, and researchers now suggest that the latter three strategies should be given more attention in plans to deal with pandemics.

In an update of a 2007 study, Dr. Tom Jefferson of the Cochrane Acute Respiratory Infections Group in Rome, Italy, and colleagues reviewed the results of 59 studies that looked at the effectiveness of strategies to reduce the spread of viral germs that cause respiratory diseases such as the flu and SARS. The new review appears online Sept. 22 in BMJ.

The researchers looked at studies that compared a number of strategies (quarantine/isolation, distancing sick people from healthy people through other methods, better hygiene) with other interventions, or doing nothing.

The review found that wearing gloves, gowns and masks is effective, and so is hand washing more than 10 times a day. The strategies are even more effective when people use more than one of them.

Jefferson’s team also found that the highest quality studies reported that the spread of diseases can be lowered through hygiene in households and among young children.

The researchers found only limited evidence that so-called N95 facial masks, which are uncomfortable and expensive, are better than simple surgical masks.

Also, they noted that it is unclear whether people need to add antiseptics to normal soap and water. □



A couple sunbathe on a beach of Pinheiro da Cruz August 8, 2009.

REUTERS/Nacho Doce

### Tanning may up skin cancer risk for palest kids

By Anne Harding

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) – Very light-skinned children who tan in the sun develop significantly more moles than their peers who stay pale in the sun, new research shows.

The number of moles a person has is among the strongest risk factors for developing melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, so the findings suggest that parents of these children should take extra care to protect them from the sun’s rays, Dr. Lori A. Crane of the University of Colorado in Denver and her colleagues conclude in a report in the Archives of Dermatology.

While sunburns are known to increase melanoma risk, Crane and her team note in the report, the effect of tanning on skin cancer risk isn’t clear; in fact, some studies suggest it’s protective.

To investigate, they looked at 131 very-light-skinned children and 444 darker-skinned white kids born in Colorado in 1998. All underwent full-body mole counts at age 6, 7 and 8 years.

The researchers gauged their skin color using a device called a colorimeter. To determine whether or not the children tanned, they used the device to compare the color of their skin at the inside of their upper arm to the color of the skin on the outside of their lower arm.

At age 6, the average number of moles for the minimally tanned light-skinned children was 14.8, compared to 21.2 for the more darkly tanned children. At age 7, the paler kids had 18.8 moles, on average, while the tanned kids had 27.9 moles. By age 8, the untanned children had 22.3 moles, compared to 31.9 for the tanned kids.

But among the darker-skinned children, whether or not they were tanned made no difference in the number of moles they had on their bodies.

The current study didn’t determine whether the untanned children were simply unable to tan, or had been protected from the sun, Crane told Reuters Health. No matter what, she added, the findings suggest “there should be more careful protection of those children, which is probably not very surprising.”

And parents shouldn’t rely on sunscreen alone for shielding kids from the sun, the researcher added; while it can protect against sunburn, it doesn’t do a good job of preventing tanning.

Also, she added, parents may let their children stay out in the sun longer when they wear sunscreen, which could be harmful. Crane suggests protecting kids with lightweight, loose clothing, including hats, and avoiding the strong mid-day sun. □

## Anna Nicole Smith's lawyer facing more charges



Anna Nicole Smith arrives with her lawyer Howard Stern for her hearing at the Supreme Court in Washington, February 28, 2006.

REUTERS/Chris Kleponis

By LINDA DEUTSCH,  
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — More charges were filed Wednesday against the lawyer-boyfriend of Anna Nicole Smith, with prosecutors claiming he helped obtain the drugs that killed the former Playboy model.

Howard K. Stern was charged with five more felony counts in an amended complaint filed by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office, bringing the total number of charges against him to 11.

Smith died of a drug overdose on Feb. 8, 2007, in a Florida hotel room. Prosecutors call Stern an aider and abettor of two doctors, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich, who are charged with improperly prescribing the drugs that killed Smith.

All three pleaded not guilty in May to conspiring to illegally provide Smith with controlled substances. They re-entered their pleas Wednesday to the amended complaint.

The doctors each face six counts including conspiracy, and up to five years, eight months in prison if convicted. It was not clear what sentence Stern would face if convicted, Los Angeles County district attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison said. Search warrant affidavits suggest Stern put his name on prescriptions for opiates that were given to Smith, and claim that 44 different medications were prescribed for Smith under a number of other names, including Stern's. Outside court, Stern's attorney said the additional charges were filed because prosecutors realized their case against him was weak. □

## Travolta recounts son's death at Bahamas trial

By JUAN McCARTNEY,  
Associated Press Writer

NASSAU, Bahamas — John Travolta said Wednesday he tried desperately to save the life of his seizure-prone son and made perhaps his first public description of the boy as autistic as he testified in the trial of two people accused of trying to blackmail him. With his wife Kelly Preston looking on inside the Nassau courtroom, Travolta said that he performed CPR on his son after a nanny alerted him the teen had fallen ill at a family vacation home on Grand Bahama island. Jett Travolta later died from a seizure.

"I ran downstairs with my wife to help my son," Travolta said. Travolta is the star witness at the trial of two people — paramedic Tarino Lightbourne and former Bahamas senator Pleasant Bridgewater — who are accused of trying to extort \$25 million from the movie star. Both defendants pleaded innocent to extortion charges at the trial that began Monday in this island chain off the Florida coast.

Travolta testified that he and Preston were awakened by a nanny around 10:15 a.m. on Jan. 2, the day of Jett's death. Travolta said when he went downstairs, another caretaker was doing chest compressions and he began administering breathing help.

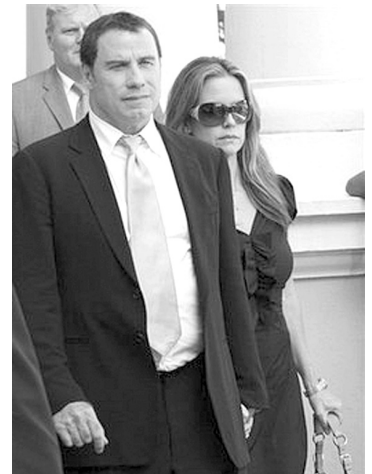
Travolta also said — apparently for the first time in public — that 16-year-old Jett was autistic, confirming speculation that had swirled for years. The developmental

disorder is frequently accompanied by seizures. "He was autistic. He suffered from a seizure disorder," Travolta told the jury when asked about his son's condition.

The actor said Jett suffered seizures every five to 10 days. He said the seizures would last 45 seconds to a minute and Jett typically slept for 12 hours after each one.

Travolta, 55, who has kept a low profile since Jett's death. He skipped promotional events this summer for his latest film, "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3." He thanked his co-stars on his Web site for giving him time to grieve through their efforts to publicize the film.

Travolta arrived the Supreme Court building in an entourage of sport utility vehicles for his first appearance at the trial. Security was noticeably heavier than previous days with Bahamas police officers surrounding the courthouse. Police say the alleged scheme involved a document related to Jett's treatment. It would have released emergency responders from liability if the family refused an ambulance



U.S. actor John Travolta and wife Kelly Preston leave the court building in Nassau, Bahamas, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009. Travolta described the moments before his son's death in the Bahamas as he testified Wednesday against two people accused of trying to blackmail him with private information about the rescue effort.

(AP Photo/Kris Ingraham)

but police said that did not happen.

A police officer testified Tuesday that Travolta signed the release because he initially wanted his son taken to the airport instead of a local hospital. A nine-person jury was expected to hear from a total of 14 witnesses, including Travolta. □



FILE - In this March 17, 2005 file photo, pop star Michael Jackson arrives at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif.

(AP Photo/Michael A. Mariant, file)

## New Michael Jackson song to be released

NEW YORK — The first posthumous release of a new Michael Jackson song, "This Is It," is scheduled for Oct. 12.

Sony Music Entertainment offered few details about the song, except to say it includes backing vocals by Jackson's brothers. Two weeks later, Sony is releasing a two-disc set to coincide with the movie that shows scenes of Jackson

rehearsing for his series of London concerts. Jackson died before publicly stepping back on stage.

The album includes some of Jackson's greatest hits as they appeared on previous albums.

The second disc features previously unreleased versions of Jackson songs and a spoken-word poem from Jackson called "Planet Earth." □



FILE - In this Oct. 15, 2008 file photo, Ellen Pompeo, left, and Christopher Ivery arrive at the grand reopening of the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)

## Ellen Pompeo gives birth to daughter Stella Luna

NEW YORK — "Grey's Anatomy" star Ellen Pompeo has given birth to a daughter.

Pompeo's representative, Amanda Silverman, says Stella Luna Pompeo Ivery was born Sept. 15. No other details are available.

She is the first child for Pompeo and her record producer-husband, Chris Ivery.

The couple tied the knot in 2007 after three years of dating. The 39-year-old actress plays Dr. Meredith Grey on the ABC series. □



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## Obama to world: Don't expect America to fix it all

**BEN FELLER**

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UNITED NATIONS (AP)

— In a blunt challenge to his nation's critics, President Barack Obama on Wednesday exhorted world leaders who once accused the United States of acting alone to now join with him in solving global crises rather than wait for America to do it on its own.

In his first address to the U.N. General Assembly, Obama sought to set a new tone in U.S. relations, moving away from the unilateralism of his predecessor, George W. Bush. He coupled conciliatory words about a "new era of engagement" with a summons for other nations to shoulder more of the burden.

"Those who used to chastise America for acting alone in the world cannot now stand by and wait for America to solve the world's problems alone," Obama said.

"Now is the time for all of us to take our share of responsibility for a global response to global challenges."

Obama said past policies and a perception of unilateralism



President Barack Obama addresses the United Nations General Assembly, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

*Associated Press*

by the United States had fed "an almost reflexive anti-Americanism" that too often was used as an excuse for inaction.

"The time has come for the world to move in a new direction," Obama said before a U.N. chamber packed with more than 100 of his global counterparts.

The president offered a litany of policy changes and actions his administration had undertaken

during his first nine months in office, with the overarching message that the United States has no interest in a go-it-alone stance and instead wants to act as an equal partner with others on the world stage.

"In an era where our destiny is shared, power is no longer a zero-sum game," Obama said. "No world order that elevates one nation or group of people over another will succeed."

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## Commander to send U.S. troop request for Afghanistan



Soldiers from the U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (Airborne), based at Fort Richardson, Alaska, fire a 120mm mortar during a fire mission at the combat outpost Zerok in East Paktika province in Afghanistan, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

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**LARA JAKES**

**PAULINE JELINEK**

**Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department said Wednesday that a request for new troops from the U.S. commander in Afghanistan may have to be revised amid growing uncertainty inside the Obama administration over whether to escalate the American commitment to the eight-year war.

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Police officers search the area around a stolen helicopter, found in Arninge, north of central Stockholm, Wednesday Sept. 23, 2009. Robbers used a helicopter Wednesday in a spectacular raid of a cash depot in Stockholm, breaking into the building through the roof and flying off with bags of cash, police and witnesses said.

*Associated Press*

## Robbers use chopper to raid Sweden cash depot

**KARL RITTER**

**Associated Press Writer**

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Masked gunmen used a stolen helicopter and explosives to engineer a spectacular raid on a cash depot in Stockholm on Wednesday, breaking into the building through the roof and flying off with bags of cash, police and officials said.

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**Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi addresses the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.**

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#### **OBAMA TO WORLD**

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While Obama continues to be popular around the world, he has struggled with many international issues, including the war in Afghanistan, negotiating peace between Israelis and Palestinians and winning passage of climate change legislation ahead of a global conference in December.

The speech comes one day before Obama hosts a two-day meeting of the world's major economies in Pittsburgh, where he is likely to encounter resistance to his proposals aimed at correcting global imbalances that many believe contributed to the worldwide recession.

At the U.N., Obama received hearty applause when he entered the room, from even the likes of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, and his address was interrupted several times by polite applause. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad did not join in the applause.

Gadhafi addressed the General Assembly immediately after Obama, but White House aides made sure the two leaders would not cross paths. Tensions with the Libyan leader are high in the wake of Scotland's recent release of Libyan Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, who was convicted of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, in which 270 people died.

In his speech, Obama summoned fellow leaders to do their part to address a long list of global challenges: to help bring about a nuclear weapons-free world, to increase security from terrorists and promote peace between Israelis and Palestinians, to tackle climate change and to create more economic opportunity. In essence, Obama's message was that he expects plenty in return for reaching out.

"If we are honest with ourselves," he told world leaders, "we need to admit that we are not living up" to the shared responsibility to meet such challenges.

"Extremists sowing terror in pockets of the world," Obama said.

"Protracted conflicts that grind on and on; genocide; mass atrocities; more nations with nuclear weapons; melting ice caps and ravaged populations; persistent poverty and pandemic disease."

"I say this not to sow fear, but to state a fact: The magnitude of our challenges has yet to

be met by the measure of our actions," Obama said.

He said that Iran and North Korea must be held accountable if they continue to put their pursuit of nuclear weapons ahead of international security.

"The world must stand together to demonstrate that international law is not an empty promise and that treaties will be enforced," he said.

Obama has said the door is open to Iran to discuss the issue, but that U.S. patience is not limitless. He has taken the same position with respect to the reclusive communist regime in North Korea.

Seeking to build on his three-way meeting in New York on Tuesday with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, Obama urged nations aligned with either side to join the cause of advancing Mideast peace — by speaking honestly to Israelis about Palestinian's legitimate claims and to Palestinians and Arab nations about Israel's right to exist.

"All of us must decide whether

we are serious about peace, or whether we only lend it lip-service," Obama said. "To break the old patterns, to break the cycle of insecurity and despair all of us must say publicly what we would acknowledge in private."

On the warming planet, Obama said "the danger posed by climate change cannot be denied — and our responsibility to meet it must not be deferred."

The president said he understood the temptation of nations to put economic recovery ahead of efforts to address climate change, but said that must not be allowed to happen.

Ahead of the G-20 meetings of industrial and developing nations that Obama is hosting later this week in Pittsburgh, he lobbied for stronger financial regulations — "new rules of the road" — to prevent future economic calamities. Momentum for such changes has fallen off as the economy appears to be limping back to health. □



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## U.S. TROOPS REQUEST Continued from Page B1

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said the troop request from U.S. and NATO commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal will be delivered by the week's end.

But Defense Secretary Robert Gates will not look to escalate the military mission in Afghanistan until President Barack Obama and his national security team "are ready to consider it," Morrell said.

Morrell also signaled that the number of troops that McChrystal will ask for — believed to be as high as 40,000 — could change after the report is received if the White House reverses its Afghanistan strategy.

"If there are adjustments, there may have to be adjustments made in terms of what's required of the mission if it changes," Morrell said.

He said the Obama administration is taking a new look at how to best achieve its long-stated goal of defeating and dismantling al-Qaida.

Earlier this year, the Pentagon began ramping up the eight-year war in Afghanistan, targeting extremist Taliban leaders to make sure the nation does not become a safe haven for al-Qaida.

But White House officials now are looking at sending in airstrikes and special operations forces to Pakistan, where al-Qaida leaders are believed to be hiding.

Morrell said targeting the Taliban in Afghanistan through a counterinsurgency mission "is the strategy and remains the strategy." He added: "There is a discussion taking place about whether it should continue to be the strategy or whether adjustments should be made."

Operating under the original strategy would require more combat troops, more trainers for Afghan security forces, more intelligence and surveillance forces and more

helicopters and other support, officials have said in recent weeks.

A senior Republican lawmaker in Congress recently told The Associated Press that McChrystal's troop request is expected to be as high as 40,000. The lawmaker spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the issue more freely. Additionally, McChrystal advisers Frederick W. Kagan of the American Enterprise Institute and Kimberly Kagan of the Institute for the Study of War this week released a report arguing for an additional 40,000 to 45,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan next year.

Already, Obama has approved increasing the number of U.S. soldiers, sailors, pilots and Marines in Afghanistan to 68,000 by the end of this year.

Morrell would not discuss the prospects of a new counterterror strategy that White House officials have told The AP could involve expanding missile attacks on Pakistan terrorist havens by unmanned U.S. spy planes.

Pakistan will not allow the United States to deploy a large-scale military troop buildup on its soil. However, its military and intelligence services are believed to have assisted the U.S. with airstrikes, even while the government has



Army National Guard soldiers patrol inside Grand Central Station Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 in New York.

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publicly condemned them.

A spokesman for the Pakistan Embassy in Washington, Nadeem Kiani, on Wednesday signaled that Islamabad is cool to the idea of letting the U.S. expand its CIA-led drone missions in Pakistan. Generally, the U.S. shares the intelligence it gets from the spy planes with Pakistani leaders, but has resisted selling drones to the nation for fear Islamabad could target its longtime enemy, India.

"Our position on this is well known: we would like to have this technology in our hands,"

Kiani said, attending the United Nations General Assembly in New York. "That way there will no chance of violating Pakistan's sovereignty, which is very dear to the Pakistani people."

At the Pentagon, Morrell said McChrystal was still working under the original Afghanistan counterinsurgency mission in Afghanistan that Obama outlined in March. That is why, Morrell said, the general was sending in the troop request even though the strategy may change later. "It is not your typical request for forces,"

Morrell said. "This is a more analytical look at the situation and what's needed and the risks associated with certain troop levels. And there's an ultimate recommendation."

That description appeared to confirm comments made privately in recent weeks by a number of officials who said McChrystal will lay out "force options." That is, he will give a range of troop numbers and explain what can be achieved with each. The officials said McChrystal also will advise his top pick among the choices. □

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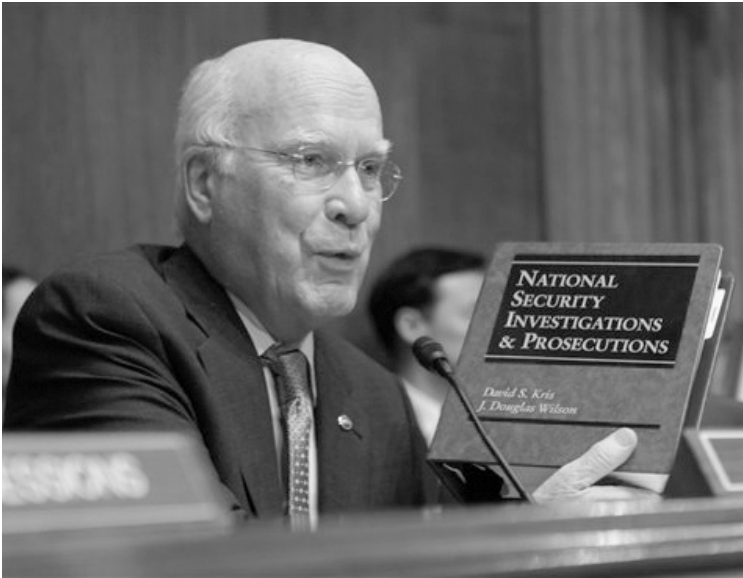
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# Senate Democrats seek surveillance law changes



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., holds up a copy of National Security Investigations and Prosecutions, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, on Capitol Hill in Washington during the committee's hearing on the reauthorization of the Patriot Act.

**LARRY MARGASAK**  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration, for a second straight day, frustrated Democratic lawmakers Wednesday by declining to say whether it backs their demands for more U.S. civil liberties safeguards in anti-terrorism surveillance and property

seizures.  
Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee kept pressing Assistant Attorney General David Kris to go beyond previous administration statements that it supports continuing provisions of the USA Patriot Act that will expire at year's end. "We don't have an official

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administration position" on any proposed legislation, Kris said.  
Chairman Patrick Leahy, a Democrat, had asked whether the administration would back his proposal to continue the expiring sections for four years with revisions and increase audits of the government's actions.  
Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat, sought a commitment to protect libraries from unreasonable requests for information on people using the facilities.  
Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat and chairman of the Intelligence Committee, asked, "Is there anything (in Leahy's bill) that would impede or affect" a current terrorism investigation in New York and Colorado?"  
"The cards are rather stacked" in favor of the government, Leahy said.  
Kris responded, "We're willing to look to see if these tools can be sharpened."

Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee, said he does not believe "there have been any abuses to date" of the Patriot Act. He said the law, originally enacted after the Sept. 11 attacks, gave the government the same powers in terrorism cases that it has to pursue drug dealers and mobsters.  
Several Democrats in both chambers said they not only want to revise the expiring provisions but review the entire Patriot Act, to prevent what they contend were civil liberties and privacy abuses by the Bush administration.  
"This time around, we have the opportunity to get this right," said Sen. Russ Feingold, a Democrat.  
On Tuesday, another Justice Department official gave similar non-responses to the House Judiciary Committee. Liberal lawmakers dominating that panel expressed their dissatisfaction more

sharply, with Chairman John Conyers, a Democrat, saying he saw little difference so far between the Obama and Bush administration on protecting Americans' rights under the Patriot Act.  
Leahy's legislation would authorize the expiring provisions through Dec. 31, 2013. It also would set the same expiration date for national security letters, which are FBI demands for obtaining tangible items without court warrants.  
In making standards tougher for the government in secret requests to a special foreign surveillance court, the bill would require that the records sought be relevant to an investigation. At a minimum, the records must be linked to a suspected agent of a foreign power.  
The bill also would modify the current standard for a national security letter. It would require a statement of facts showing reasonable grounds to believe the information sought is relevant to an authorized investigation.

Democrats accused the Bush administration of using these letters to skirt the special foreign surveillance court. All three of the expiring sections require approval of the special court.  
The Bush administration separately had the National Security Agency — without warrants — eavesdrop on Americans and others inside the United States to search for terrorist activity. That controversial program ended before Bush left office. □

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# Holocaust survivors reunite with U.S. WWII veterans

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HUDSON FALLS, New York (AP) — The Holocaust survivor was 6 on that spring day in 1945 when he last saw the U.S. Army soldiers outside Magdeburg, Germany. Paul Arato was among 2,500 starving and sickly Jewish prisoners from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, their train abandoned by its crew and Nazi guards as Allied forces advanced. Two U.S. Army tanks on a scouting patrol — one of them commanded by Carrol Walsh, then 24 — came upon the stopped boxcars.

Arato, now 71, and Walsh, 88, met again this week.

"Please give me a hug. You saved my life," Arato told Walsh in an emotional reunion of concentration camp survivors and some of the veterans of the 30th Infantry Division who liberated them. Arato, an industrial designer from Toronto, and Walsh, a retired state Supreme Court judge from Hudson Falls, came together for a Hudson Falls High School history symposium inspired by history teacher Matthew Rozell's original World War II project in 2007.

"You were all kids on that train," Walsh told the survivors, most of them in their early 70s, as they and their families

greeted the veteran.

"I was an old man. I was 24 years old!"

Those arriving early for Wednesday's opening session gathered Tuesday night for an impromptu reunion before having dinner. Four of the five Nazi train survivors at the dinner had never met Walsh. Walsh's tank patrol discovered the desperate Bergen-Belsen survivors on April 13 — hundreds of emaciated Jewish prisoners who had been herded aboard one of three trains leaving the camp a week earlier to keep them from being liberated by advancing Allied forces.

Walsh's patrol stayed for a time, handing out candy to some of the children, then moved on after reporting their discovery. Frank Towers, a 27-year-old first lieutenant in the 30th Division, led a convoy that took the newly liberated prisoners to a German town where they were given food and shelter.

For weeks, the men of the 30th had heard of Nazi atrocities against Jews and dismissed the stories as propaganda, Towers said. That all changed when they encountered the train.

"Then we believed," said Towers, 93, of Brooker, Florida.

This week's reunion is the fourth since 2007, when Walsh was joined by three of

the train survivors at Hudson Falls High. History teacher Rozell's World War II project included an Internet posting of Walsh's account of the train liberation.

An Associated Press report of that first reunion prompted more survivors to come forward, some from as far away as Israel, Rozell said. In all, he has confirmed that more than 60 survivors are still living and has been in contact with about two dozen of them. □

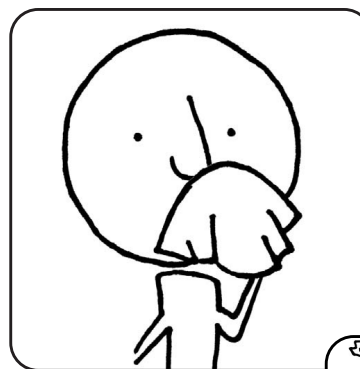


Infantry veteran Carrol Walsh, right, whose unit helped liberate Jewish prisoners at the end of World War II, greets holocaust survivors at a reunion in Queensbury, N.Y., on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009. With Walsh from left are: Ariela Rojek, Paul Arato, Elisabeth Seaman and Fred Spiegel.

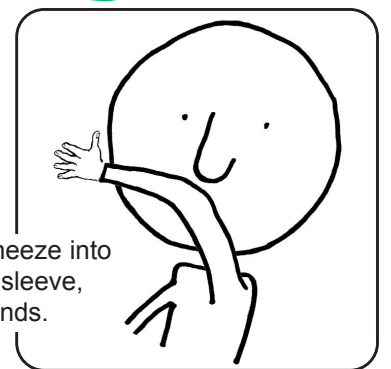
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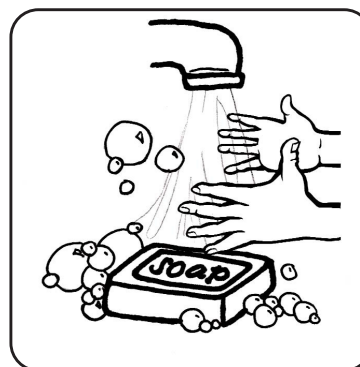


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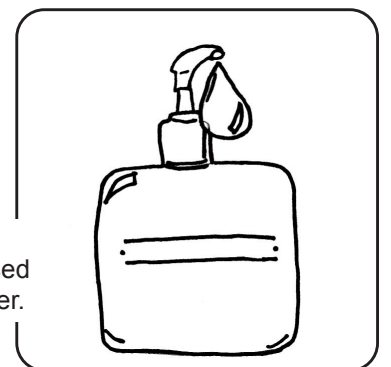
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A police Swat team in action to enter the security firm G4S's cash depot building in Vastberga, Sweden, Wednesday Sept. 23, 2009, after robbers used a helicopter to land on the roof of the building in a robbery attempt. The robbers used a helicopter for their spectacular theft at the cash depot south of Stockholm early Wednesday morning, but it is not yet clear what the robbers escaped with. Police have found a helicopter abandoned in northern Stockholm.

CASH DEPOT  
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The daring pre-dawn heist stunned police in the Swedish capital, who were unable to deploy their own helicopters to the scene because suspected

explosives — which turned out to be fake — had been placed at their hangar. Investigators believed at least 10 professional outlaws were involved in the heist. “These are people who

most likely have committed similar crimes before,” police spokesman Ulf Goranzon said. “We have naturally activated police throughout Sweden as much as possible. Especially when it comes to border controls: airports, bridges and ferries.” The security company that owns the facility, G4S PLC, said the thieves had made off with “an unconfirmed sum of money” and added it would offer a large reward for information leading to their arrest and the return of the loot. The company did not give an exact amount for the reward. Two men were detained for questioning in Stockholm later Wednesday in connection with the robbery, but police stressed it wasn't clear if, or how, they were involved. “They are suspected of handling stolen goods,” police spokesman Kjell Lindgren said, adding there was no clear link to Wednesday's robbery.

Shortly after 5 a.m., the helicopter swooped down toward the cash depot and hovered over the building as the masked robbers rappelled down onto the roof, Goranzon said. They entered through a shattered window in a glass pyramid on the roof, and explosions were heard as they rampaged through the building to access the secure areas where money is kept. “What we know is that they forced down some kind of wall to get in,” police spokesman Christian Agdur said. “We don't want to comment on how they did it.” There were 21 staff members inside the building during the heist, but no one was injured, police said. Investigators said the robbers wore masks and were believed to have carried automatic weapons and used explosives during the 20-minute raid. Witnesses reported hearing loud bangs. Witness Bjorn Lockstrom told

broadcaster TV4 he saw a helicopter hovering above the building for about 15 minutes. “Two men hoisted themselves down,” he said. “I saw when they hoisted up money, too.” A police commando team was seen trying to enter the cash depot in the Vastberga neighborhood with a battering ram. Police later found an abandoned helicopter near a lake north of Stockholm, about 15 miles (25 kilometers) from the cash depot. Police spokeswoman Towe Hagg said the chopper was reported stolen and was believed to be the one used by the robbers. A suspicious package left at the police hangar prevented their helicopter from taking off. Investigators initially believed it was a bomb, but it later turned out to be fake. “Bomb technicians destroyed it and could see that it didn't contain any explosives,” Lindgren said. “It was a diversion.”



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# Greek anti-terrorist police detain four over bombings

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek anti-terrorist officers raided an Athens home Wednesday and detained 4 people suspected of involvement in a small far-left group that police link with a morning bomb blast at the home of a prominent opposition lawmaker. Police said the small bomb outside the central Athens apartment of the Socialist Party's representative for the economy, Louka Katseli, caused minor damage and no injuries. It came a few days ahead of Oct. 4 national elections, which the Socialists are expected to win.

A bomb like the one that exploded outside Katseli's door was found in the evening raid in the northern suburb of Halandri, police spokesman Panayiotis Stathis said.

He said four young Greek nationals detained in the raid are being questioned in connection with the far-left militant group Conspiracy Nuclei of Fire — which police think carried out the morning attack.

"A bomb has been found that is exactly the same as the one used in the morning attack" which used explosives inside a pressure cooker, Stathis told The Associated Press early Thursday.

"During this phase the location will be carefully searched, and evidence will be collected — including DNA traces and fingerprints," he said. "If necessary, more raids will be conducted."

Although no group has claimed responsibility

for the morning blast, Stathis said it bore the hallmarks of Conspiracy Nuclei of Fire. The group has carried out five small bomb attacks over the past few months against government offices and a former police minister, which caused minor damage and no injuries.

"The morning attack was by the Conspiracy Nuclei of Fire, the explosive device and methodology is the same," Stathis said. The suspects have not been formally arrested or charged.

Greece has a long history of domestic far-left terrorist violence, although authorities believed the problem had diminished after the arrest of several members of the country's deadliest group, November 17, following a botched bombing in 2002.

But in 2007, a group called Revolutionary Struggle fired a small anti-tank rocket at U.S. embassy in Athens, causing minor damage and no injuries.

Attacks by far-left militants and anarchist groups have increased since last December's fatal police shooting of an Athens teenager that sparked days of the worst rioting Greece had seen in decades.

On June 17, militants shot dead a policeman guarding a terror trial witness in central Athens. The far-left militant group Sect of Revolutionaries claimed the attack.

Conspiracy Nuclei of Fire first appeared last year, carrying out strings of firebombings. The group moved on to small time bombs in May, targeting two new police stations under construction in Athens and Thessaloniki. □



Members of the Greek anti-terrorist team inspect the area outside the Athens Stock Exchange in Athens, Greece, on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009. Police said a bomb placed in a small van, the white one in the background, exploded outside the Stock Exchange early Wednesday, lightly injuring a passer-by and causing extensive damage to the building and to parked cars. A second bomb outside a government building in the northern city of Thessaloniki caused only minor damage. Both attacks were preceded by anonymous warning calls to Greek media, but there was no claim of responsibility.

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# Dust storm shrouds Sydney, obscures monuments

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Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY (AP) — Red Outback grit shrouded Australia's largest city Wednesday, blotting out such landmarks as the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge and even reaching underground to coat subway stations. The country's worst dust storm in 70 years diverted planes and produced an eerie orange sky.

The haze was visible from space, appearing as a huge brown smudge in satellite photographs of Australia.

By afternoon, the dust had moved on from Sydney, heading north to the Queensland state capital of Brisbane, where the sky was clogged into the evening.

No one was hurt as a result of the pall that swept in overnight, bringing an eerie orange dawn to Sydney, but ambulance services reported a spike in emergency calls from people with breathing difficulties, and police warned drivers to take it easy on the roads.

The dust clouds formed



The Sydney Harbour Bridge is cloaked in dust as as dust clouds blanket much of Sydney in Australia's New South Wales state Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009. Flights are diverted as a blanket of red dust shrouded most of Sydney after the weather system moved in from central Australia.

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in Australia's interior — parched by the worst drought on record — when gale force winds snatched up tons of topsoil and threw it high into the sky before carrying it hundreds of miles eastward.

The Sydney Morning Herald called it "the day the

country blew into town."

The dust so thoroughly blanketed everything in its path — clothes, cars, train seats — that Queensland promised to lift water restrictions, imposed because of the drought, so residents could clean their homes and vehicles.

Suburban rail trains carried the dust into underground stations in Sydney.

"When I got on the train at Cronulla, our seats were covered in this red dust," Robyn Jaques said, referring to a station south of the city. "It's got over all of my clothes."

International flights were diverted from Sydney to other cities — three from New Zealand were turned around altogether — and domestic schedules were thrown into chaos as operations at Sydney Airport were curtailed by unsafe visibility levels.

Helicopters carrying water to douse bush fires raging in

Queensland were grounded in the afternoon because of poor visibility.

Even after Sydney's skies cleared, severe flight delays persisted because of diverted and late-running planes, according to national carrier Qantas. Passenger ferries on the city's famous harbor were also stopped for several hours for safety reasons.

But forecasters predicted normal conditions would return to Sydney on Thursday, and flights were expected to be back on schedule.

Such thick dust is rare over the city, and came along with other uncommon weather conditions across the country in recent days. Hailstorms have pummeled parts of the country this week, while other parts have been hit with an early spring mini-heatwave, and wildfires.

"It did feel like Armageddon because when I was in the

kitchen looking out the skylight, there was this red glow coming through," Sydney resident Karen told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

The storms are the most severe since the 1940s, experts said. One was recorded traveling from southern Australia all the way to New Zealand some 1,400 miles away.

Officials said particle pollution in Sydney's air rose to the worst on record Wednesday, and the New South Wales state ambulance service said it had received more than 250 calls before midday from people suffering breathing problems.

People with asthma or heart or lung diseases were urged not to go outside and to keep their medicine inhalers handy.

"Keeping yourself indoors today is the main thing to do if you have any of those conditions and particularly if you're a known sensitive sufferer such as children, older adults or pregnant women," said Wayne Smith, a senior state health official.

Sydney residents coughed and hacked their way through their morning commute, rubbing grit from their eyes. Some wore masks, wrapped their faces in scarves or pressed cloths over their noses and mouths.

"These dust storms are some of the largest in the last 70 years," said Nigel Tapper, an environmental scientist at Monash University. "Ten very dry years over inland southern Australia and very strong westerlies have conspired to produce these storms." □

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# Freed Colombian hostage honored

QUEBEC CITY (AP) — A one-time Colombian presidential candidate held hostage for more than six years by guerrillas paid tribute to Canadians as she received an honor from the Quebec government Wednesday.

Ingrid Betancourt, the French-Colombian politician who was dramatically freed last year, received the Quebec national assembly's medal of honor and glowing praise from politicians including Premier Jean Charest.

But she returned the adulation.

Betancourt, who also holds French citizenship, thanked that same Quebec legislature for raising international awareness of her plight with a 2002 motion in support of

her. She says that began an international chain-reaction that concluded with the daring rescue operation of her and 14 other hostages last year.

"If I'm here today, it's thanks to you," she told Quebec parliamentarians.

"You were the first — the forerunners in the fight for the hostages' liberation. There was Quebec, then Belgium, then France, then Europe, then the world — and then finally Colombia."

After the event, she gave a speech at the famed Chateau Frontenac. The choice of venue was not without irony; she recalled fond memories of visiting the ornate hotel with her first husband, French diplomat Fabrice Delloye.

"I'm a Canadian at heart," she

said. "I traveled around your country. I camped here. I fell in love here, with the father of my children."

The premier paid tribute to the human-rights activist, saluting her courage and saying the world needed more people like her.

But Betancourt pointed to her own all-too-human flaws.

In a recent book, three Americans who were fellow hostages painted a less-than-flattering portrait of Betancourt, casting her as a spoiled, self-serving politician who used her celebrity status to get special treatment in captivity.

Betancourt admitted that during her confinement she occasionally saw things that were "ugly," like "egotism"



Former Colombian hostage Ingrid Betancourt, center, smiles as she receives the medal of the National Assembly from Speaker Yvon Vallieres, right, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 in Quebec City. Quebec Premier Jean Charest, left, applauds.

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and "cowardice."

"And I didn't see this in others — I saw it in myself," she said.

She urged politicians to keep up the fight in Colombia, and noted that 24 of her fellow hostages remained captive in the jungle at the hands of FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) guerrillas.

Betancourt will also receive an award this week from Governor General Michaëlle Jean on behalf of Reporters Without Borders Canada. Jean is representative of Britain's

Queen Elizabeth II as Canada's head of state.

Betancourt was rescued in an elaborate ruse along with three U.S. military contractors and 11 other Colombians.

She was running for president in Colombia in 2002 when she entered rebel territory without military protection and was kidnapped.

In March, FARC freed the last known foreign hostage held in Colombia, Erik Roland Larsson, a partially paralyzed 69-year-old Swede who was held captive for nearly two years. □

## Palin talks U.S.-China relations in speech in Asia

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Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG (AP)

— Months after abruptly resigning as Alaska's governor, Sarah Palin resurfaced in Hong Kong on Wednesday more moderate in tone and better versed in international affairs, possibly laying the first brick for a 2012 White House bid.

In her first overseas speech, the former vice presidential candidate touched on a wide range of issues — from financial markets and Afghanistan to China-U.S. relations and health care — before a room packed with more than a thousand investors and bankers at an annual investment conference.

"I'm going to call it like I see it, and I will share with you candidly a view right from Main Street, Main Street U.S.A.," Palin said, according to a video of part of the speech obtained by The Associated Press. "And how perhaps my view of Main Street ... how that affects you and your business."

While she displayed some of



In this photo released by brokerage and investment group CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets, CLSA CEO Jonathan Slone, left, speaks as former U.S. vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin listens during the 16th annual CLSA Investors' Forum in Hong Kong Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

her trademark folksy charm, the fireworks from her debut speech at the Republican National Convention last year were apparently missing. So, too, was the sharp partisan edge of the politician who toured the country as Sen. John McCain's running mate. She appeared more moderate, did not attack President Obama directly and avoided any major gaffes, attendees said.

"She has learned and grown from the election," said Melvin Goode, New York-based consultant who said he'd carried out some political

polling for President Barack Obama in the past. "She was more level headed. ... She didn't criticize. I was waiting to see if she said anything derogatory about Obama, and she didn't."

According to several accounts of her speech, which was closed to media, Palin argued for smaller government, calling for lower taxes and a private-sector solution to health care. She contended many average Americans were uncomfortable with health care reforms that infringe on private enterprise. □

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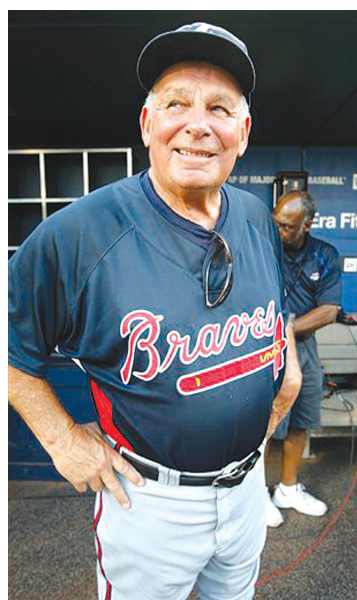
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### Cox to retire as Braves manager after next season

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AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Cox will retire as manager of the Atlanta Braves after the 2010 Major League Baseball

Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox stands in the dugout after announcing that he will retire after the 2010 season before the Braves baseball game against the New York Mets at Citi Field in New York, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

Associated Press

season, ending a career in which he guided the team to 14 consecutive playoffs and the 1995 World Series title. The 68-year-old, a four-time manager of the year, agreed to a one-year contract extension for 2010, the Braves announced on Wednesday. He will start a five-year consulting agreement to advise the team in baseball operations after he steps down as manager. "While I have decided that 2010 will be my last season

in the dugout, I want to make it clear that we will all be working as hard as ever to win another world championship," Cox said in a statement. A cigar-smoking baseball lifer, Cox managed the Braves from 1978-81, switched to manage the Toronto Blue Jays from 1982-85, then returned to manage Atlanta in 1990. He began Wednesday with 2,408 regular-season wins as a manager, fourth all-time in MLB behind Connie Mack

(3,731), John McGraw (2,763) and Tony La Russa (2,550). Cox and Joe McCarthy are the only managers with six 100-win regular seasons. "Bobby and I have been talking about this for some time," Braves general Manager Frank Wren said in a statement. "We are very excited that Bobby, who is one of the best and most respected managers in the history of baseball, will again be managing our club in 2010." □

### Tour Championship

## Tiger only looking at one trophy at East Lake

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AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — So many scenarios. So many good players. So much money on the line.

Tiger Woods is keeping it so simple.

He tees it up in the U.S. Tour Championship on Thursday against a 30-man field at East Lake. His goal is to shoot the lowest score.

"You always have the same approach and same attitude that you try and win every tournament you enter," Woods said. "Whether it's a regular tour event, a playoff event, World Golf Championship, Players, whatever it may be, it's the same intensity. You bring the same attitude to play. ... You win it, and you take care of everything else."

Everything else includes a \$10 million bonus — \$9 million in cash — for capturing the FedEx Cup, which in its third season appears to have finally delivered a compelling conclusion.

Woods is the No. 1 seed by virtue of his five U.S. PGA Tour victories that put him atop the standings, and a sixth victory in a playoff event two weeks ago at the BMW Championship.

The next four seeds — Steve Stricker, Jim Furyk, Zach Johnson and Heath Slocum — don't have to look at a leaderboard. If they win the Tour Championship, they win the FedEx Cup.

The points can get confusing, and there are a couple of wild possibilities.

—Furyk and Pdraig Harrington can capture the FedEx Cup without having won a single tournament all year.

—Marc Leishman can win the FedEx Cup provided Woods finishes 10th or worse, and the next four seeds finish fifth or worse.

How did Leishman get in this position? Furthermore, who is Leishman?

He's a tour rookie from Australia with a strong swing and beautiful touch with the putter. He was on the verge of being eliminated from the playoffs outside Boston three weeks ago until making an eagle on the final hole. His only way into the Tour Championship was to finish third in Chicago, and he played bogey-free the final round with Woods at his side to tie



Glenn Greenspan, left, and Tiger Woods share a laugh as they head to the driving range during practice for the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

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for second.

—Slocum could win the FedEx Cup by winning the Tour Championship. He wasn't even sure he would make the 125-man field at the start of the playoffs until his wife did the math and realized he qualified at No. 124 by two points. A week later, he won The Barclays over a world-class cast of runner-ups — Woods, Harrington, Stricker and Ernie Els.

—And the most bizarre scenario of all? There could be two sudden-death playoffs on Sunday — one to decide the Tour Championship, another to decide the FedEx Cup. It might even be the same two players.

Imagine Furyk and Scott Verplank tied after 72 holes. They would have a playoff for the Tour Championship. If Verplank were to win, that would leave them tied in the FedEx Cup standings, and they would return to the par-3 18th for a playoff with a much bigger payoff.

Furyk has heard all the possibilities and is ready to stick a peg in the soggy turf of East Lake.

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### Kasparov leads Karpov 3-1 in chess rematch

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Associated Press Writer

MADRID (AP) — Garry Kasparov stretched his lead over Anatoly Karpov to 3-1 Wednesday on the second day of an exhibition chess match commemorating the 25th anniversary of their marathon first title bout. Karpov, 58, won his first game of the unofficial tournament, which is being played in the eastern city of Valencia after Kasparov abandoned the game. Kasparov, 46, rebounded to win the second game as Karpov ran out of time.

On Tuesday, Kasparov won the first two semi-rapid games as Karpov struggled to manage his time.

In each of the four games, both players had 25 minutes on the clock and five seconds added after each move.

Playing whites in the first clash Wednesday, Karpov chose a Grunfeld Defense opening, tournament organizers said. In the second game, Kasparov, on whites, opted for a Queen's Gambit, which Karpov declined.

The three-day match finishes Thursday when the two grandmasters play eight blitz games, in which each player starts with five minutes on the clock, with two seconds added after each move. □

## NL Roundup

## Cardinals beat Astros 11-2, drop magic number to 2

The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Joel Pineiro allowed five hits in seven innings and Yadier Molina hit a two-run homer as St. Louis inched closer to the NL Central title with an 11-2 win over Houston on Tuesday night.

Colby Rasmus added a solo shot as the Cardinals reduced their magic number for clinching the division to two. Pineiro (15-11) struck out four to win for the first time in four starts.

The Astros have dropped nine straight, their longest skid since losing 10 straight in May 2007. Interim manager Dave Clark fell to 0-2 since replacing the fired Cecil Cooper on Monday.

**Rockies 11, Padres 10**

At Denver, Colorado hung on to beat San Diego 11-10 despite a four-run ninth-inning rally by the Padres.

Clint Barmes had an inside-the-park homer for the Rockies, who increased their lead in the NL wild-card race to five games over San Francisco and Atlanta.

Franklin Morales came on with two outs and the bases loaded in the ninth trying to protect an 11-6 lead. He surrendered a two-run single to Adrian Gonzalez, walked Chase Headley and gave up a two-run single to Oscar Salazar to make it 11-10.

Pinch-hitter Nick Hundley lined out for the final out as Morales picked up his seventh save.

**Diamondbacks 10, Giants 8**

At Phoenix, Miguel Montero had three hits and Arizona scored nine runs in the second and third innings to drive Matt Cain out of the game.

Arizona third baseman Mark Reynolds struck out three times to break his own major league record for strikeouts in a season with 206. He had 204 last year.

San Francisco built a 3-0 lead, the last two runs coming on Cain's first major league triple in the second inning, before Arizona scored three runs in its second and six in the third to lead 9-4.

Cain (13-7) gave up seven

runs and eight hits in 2 1-3 innings.

**Dodgers 14, Nationals 2**

At Washington, Rafael Furcal drove in four runs and Hiroki Kuroda allowed four hits over six innings for Los Angeles.

The Dodgers' sixth win in seven games lowered their magic number for clinching a postseason berth to three. Los Angeles would win its second straight NL West title for the first time since 1977-78 with any combination of Dodger wins and Colorado losses totaling seven.

Kuroda (8-6) won his third straight start, benefiting from two innings in which the Dodgers sent 11 men to the plate. He allowed no earned runs, walked two and struck out six.

At Miami, Anibal Sanchez allowed two hits in eight innings to beat Philadelphia for the first time in five career decisions to give Florida a doubleheader split.

Joe Blanton gave up two hits in seven shutout innings to outpitch Marlins ace Josh Johnson in the first game win that reduced to five the Phillies' magic number for clinching the NL East.

Sanchez (3-7) struck out seven and walked two in his longest outing in three years.

Jamie Moyer (12-10), who had won his previous eight games in Miami, allowed three runs



Arizona Diamondbacks' Mark Reynolds (27) strikes out for the 204th time, tying his own major league record for season strikeouts, as San Francisco Giants' Bengie Molina catches the ball in the third inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in Phoenix.

— including two solo homers — in seven innings.

Dan Uggla hit his 30th home run and Cody Ross added a career-high 23rd, while NL batting leader Hanley Ramirez had two hits and doubled home the Marlins' other run.

The Phillies won the opener despite striking out 16 times and going 2 for 11 with runners in scoring position.

At New York, Jair Jurrjens dominated New York again and Yunel Escobar hit a two-run single for Atlanta.

The surging Braves kept up their late playoff charge,

though their chances for a postseason spot are slim.

Atlanta began the day five games behind Colorado for the NL wild card and eight behind first-place Philadelphia in the NL East.

Escobar singled with two outs in the fourth to take a 2-1 lead against Nelson Figueroa (2-7), who allowed two hits in seven innings.

Jurrjens (13-10) allowed five hits in seven innings to beat Figueroa for the second time in six days. The 23-year-old improved to 6-1 in eight career starts against the Mets,

including 4-0 in five outings this year.

At Milwaukee, Derrek Lee hit his 35th homer and drove in two runs for a career-high 109 total in leading Chicago.

**In other NL games it was, Philadelphia 9, Florida 3, 1st game; Cincinnati 10, Pittsburgh 4; L.A. Dodgers 14, Washington 2; Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 1; Florida 3, Philadelphia 0, 2nd game; Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 2; St. Louis 11, Houston 2; Colorado 11, San Diego 10; and Arizona 10, San Francisco 8.** □

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*AL Roundup*

# Yankees clinch playoff berth, beat Angels 6-5

**GREG BEACHAM**

**AP Sports Writer**

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— Brett Gardner scored the tiebreaking run on Alex Rodriguez's sacrifice fly in the ninth as the New York Yankees celebrated clinching their 14th playoff appearance in 15 seasons Tuesday night with a 6-5 victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

Rodriguez homered and drove in three runs before Mariano Rivera earned his 41st save for the Yankees, who were guaranteed a return to the postseason about 55 minutes before the last out in Anaheim when Oakland beat the Texas Rangers 9-1.

The Yankees blew a 5-0 lead before rallying to win for the first time in five games this season at Angel Stadium.

Derek Jeter, Johnny Damon and their teammates are back in the postseason after staying home last fall in manager Joe Girardi's debut campaign. The Yankees won 17 playoff series and four World Series titles in a 13-year span after 1994, but New York hasn't won a championship since 2000 or even a playoff series since the 2004 division series, losing four straight.

These Yankees are likely to be in prime position to end that

streak. They also have a six-game lead over Boston in the AL East and a 5½-game edge on the Angels for homefield advantage at the new Yankee Stadium throughout the postseason.

Chone Figgins homered for the Angels, who had won four of five. Los Angeles still has a 7½-game lead on the Rangers in the AL West, but its magic number stayed at six for clinching its third straight division title.

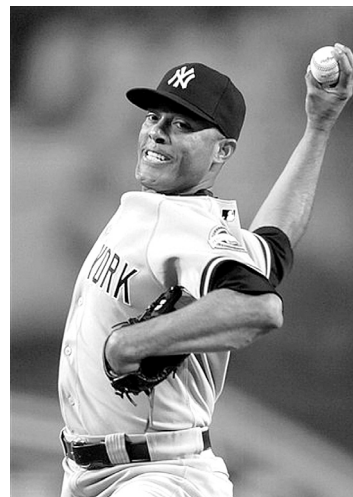
The Yankees took a five-run lead in the fifth inning after early homers from Rodriguez, Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui, but Los Angeles chipped away with several typical small-ball rallies, tying it when Izturis drove home Howie Kendrick with a single over the drawn-in infield in the eighth.

Jeter's fourth-inning single clinched his seventh 200-hit season, a major league record for shortstops.

A's 9, Rangers 1

At Oakland, California, Kurt Suzuki and Daric Barton drove in two runs apiece while Trevor Cahill won his fourth straight decision with a 9-1 victory over Texas.

The Rangers' loss kept them 6½ games behind Boston in the AL Wild card and it



clinched a postseason berth for the Yankees.

Suzuki hit a two-run double and scored on Barton's RBI single during a five-run seventh when the A's broke it open to win for the 10th time in 12 games.

David Murphy had two hits and an RBI while Ivan Rodriguez singled twice for the Rangers, who lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

Cahill (10-12) scattered six hits and gave up one run over 5 2-3 innings.

**In other AL games it was, Detroit 3, Cleveland 1; Toronto 6, Baltimore 5, 11 innings; Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 3; Kansas City 5, Boston 1; Minnesota 8, Chicago White Sox 6; N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Angels 5; and Oakland 9, Texas 1. □**



In this Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002 file photo Kim Clijsters, of Belgium, left, shakes hands at the net with her compatriot Justine Henin after her 6-2, 6-3, victory over Henin in their quarterfinal match at the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne.

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"The thing I probably haven't enjoyed for the whole week is the 'what if,'" Furyk said. "I've had people ask me, 'What if? What if? What if?' All the way down the line. It all doesn't really matter until we tee it up and go figure it out."

The points and possibilities might be hard to digest. Still, the Tour Championship is significant for the first time in six years, and suddenly is elevated in stature.

Only twice this decade has it contained any drama — in 2000, when Phil Mickelson won at East Lake to deny Woods a shot at his 10th victory; and in 2003, when Woods and Vijay Singh were locked in a race for player of the year and the money title.

Now, it likely has its strongest field ever, even if that might not show up in the world ranking or the money list.

The top 30 represents the best players of the season, and the hottest players of the last month. No one missing at East Lake can make a case that he belongs at the Tour Championship. Of the top 20 in the world, four tour members did not make the top 30 — Singh, Sergio Garcia, Camilo Villegas and Ian Poulter. None has won a tournament this year.

"They might not be the best-ranked players, but they are the best performers," Retief Goosen said. □

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# Hondureños compran víveres en suspensión toque queda

TEGUCIGALPA (Reuters) - Los hondureños corrieron el miércoles a comprar víveres y abastecerse de gasolina al levantarse por una horas el toque de queda que lleva casi dos días, mientras el Gobierno de facto pidió calma tras una serie de saqueos que dejaron vacíos algunos supermercados.

La medida de excepción comenzó a regir a media tarde del lunes, cuando el depuesto presidente Zelaya anunció que estaba refugiado en la embajada de Brasil en Tegucigalpa, y se preveía que se extendiera hasta las 18.00 horas del miércoles (0000 GMT).

Pero la medida fue suspendida entre 10.00 horas y las 17.00 horas para que la gente pudiera abastecerse, dijo el Gobierno en una cadena nacional. Momentos después del aviso, largas filas se formaron frente a los supermercados y gasolineras y el paisaje fantasmal de la ciudad se transformó cuando cientos de automóviles salieron a las calles, que hasta momentos antes estaban desiertas.

Algunos supermercados habían sido saqueados el

martes, amaneciendo con los anaqueles vacíos y cajas y envases desparramados por el piso en un escenario caótico.

“Tenemos suficiente grano almacenado (...), tenemos combustibles, hay alimentos, el sistema financiero nacional también está funcionando (...) les reitero que mantengan la calma”, dijo en rueda de prensa el ministro de facto de Industria y Comercio, Benjamín Bogran. “No podemos seguir permitiendo actos vandálicos”, agregó.

El presidente de facto, Roberto Micheletti, advirtió que la suspensión de la medida es sólo para abastecimiento y que no se permitirán concentraciones de personas, un día después de que fuerzas de seguridad desalojaron violentamente a simpatizantes de Zelaya apostados frente a la embajada.

Zelaya fue derrocado el 28 de junio por militares y expulsado a Costa Rica a punta de rifle, el mismo día en que planeaba una consulta popular que abriera paso a la reelección presidencial, algo que sus detractores vieron como un intento de emular a su aliado venezolano, Hugo Chávez. □



Un niño camina por los pasillos del supermercado El Pedregal en Tegucigalpa, 23 sep 2009. Los hondureños corrieron el miércoles a comprar víveres y abastecerse de gasolina al levantarse por una horas el toque de queda que lleva casi dos días, mientras el Gobierno de facto pidió calma tras una serie de saqueos que dejaron vacíos algunos supermercados. REUTERS/Oswaldo Rivas

## Arrestan a argentino-holandés por “vuelos de muerte”

AMSTERDAM/MADRID (Reuters) - España detuvo a un piloto de la aerolínea holandesa Transavia acusado de conducir aviones desde los que se arrojaba al mar a opositores durante la última dictadura argentina, dijeron el miércoles autoridades españolas.

Julio Alberto Poch, teniente retirado de la marina argentina, que también tiene ciudadanía holandesa, fue arrestado el martes por la noche en el aeropuerto Manises de Valencia a pedido del Gobierno del país latinoamericano durante una escala rumbo a Amsterdam. Poch estaba trabajando para la aerolínea Transavia, perteneciente a Air France-KLM, informó la

compañía.

La secretaría de Derechos Humanos de Argentina dijo en una nota que en el 2007 tuvo información proveniente de Holanda de que un aviador civil de origen argentino y con nacionalidad holandesa “se jactaba de haber sido piloto de los aviones que tras el golpe militar de 1976 arrojaban al mar prisioneros con vida”.

La justicia argentina pidió en el 2008 la extradición de Poch, pero no se concretó debido a que el piloto contaba con nacionalidad holandesa. Inmediatamente el juzgado a cargo de la causa pidió la captura del piloto, que se concretó el martes.

Ahora Argentina deberá solicitar nuevamente la



Foto de archivo de Julio Alberto Poch entregada por la policía española el 23 de septiembre del 2009. REUTERS/Spain Interior Ministry/Handout extradición de Poch, un pedido que se concretaría en los próximos días, según una fuente judicial cercana a la causa. □

## Chávez llega a EEUU para reunión de la ONU

NUEVA YORK (AP) - El presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez llegó el miércoles a Nueva York para asistir a la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, prometiendo abogar allí por el nacimiento de “un mundo nuevo”.

“Venezuela hace presencia con su voz, la voz que respetan, la voz de la Revolución Bolivariana”, expresó el controversial líder izquierdista a su llegada al Aeropuerto John F. Kennedy de Nueva York. El mandatario afirmó que “Venezuela sigue abogando ... por el nacimiento de un mundo nuevo, por ese nacimiento que ya ha ocurrido... de múltiples núcleos”, una aparente referencia a su argumento de que el mundo debe ser multipolar y no dominado por lo que él considera la hegemonía de Estados Unidos. También elogió el “coraje” del derrocado presidente de Honduras, Manuel Zelaya, quien se encuentra refugiado en la embajada de Brasil en Tegucigalpa.

Chávez, quien tiene programado intervenir en la reunión de la ONU el jueves, suspendió una presentación que pensaba realizar por la tarde en la iglesia Riverside del barrio de Harlem, pero por la noche tenía planeado asistir a la proyección de la cinta “Al sur de la frontera”, de Oliver Stone, quien también estará presente en la velada. □



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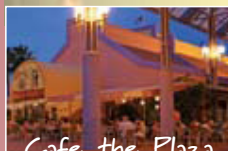
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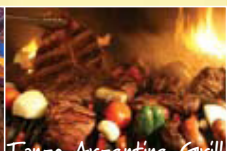
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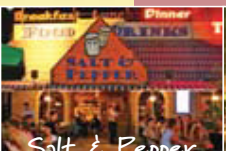
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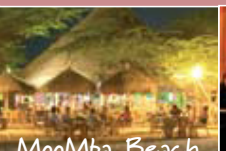
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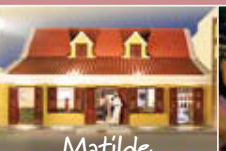
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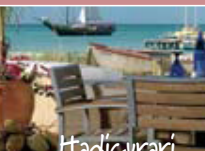
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